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SUBJECT: ITALY CONSIDERING APPROACH TO NORTH KOREAN FLAGS
OF CONVENIENCE

REF: A. STATE 63168

[¶](#)B. STATE 50422

Classified By: Political Minister Counselor David D. Pearce for reasons
1.4 (b) and (d).

[¶](#)1. (C) Econoff and Poloff delivered Reftel A points and information on the Italian vessel using a North Korean flag to Federico Failla, MFA Office Director for the Far East, April 28, and urged the GOI to consider a law or regulation to make it illegal for Italian nationals and companies to use DPRK flags of convenience, per Reftel B.

[¶](#)2. (C) Failla was appreciative of the additional information provided and indicated that Italy was seriously looking at how to implement a new regulation or law to prohibit the use of DPRK flags. He noted that the GOI action would probably result in the adoption of a new a regulation. However, Failla cautioned that this might take some time to coordinate because Italy was in the process of transitioning to a new government. Note: Italy held elections April 9-10, in which the governing center-right coalition was defeated. A new prime minister has not yet been selected. It may be several weeks before the new government can begin to work. End note.

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